

ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

Name: Bulk Oil Offshore Transfer System (BOOTS)

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Entity proposing project: Unocal Corp. (BOOTS, LLC to construct & operate port)

Category of project: Pipeline & Other (Deepwater Port)

Brief description of project: Deepwater port to be constructed roughly 70 miles off the shore of Texas; to contain pumping platform, 3 single-point moorings & roughly 100 miles of 48-inch diameter pipeline from port to Beaumont/Port Arthur area; port will receive crude oil from tankers & shuttle tankers & transmit crude oil via pipeline to existing distribution points in Beaumont/Port Arthur area serving refineries in Texas & Louisiana; goal is to increase processing & distribution rates by eliminating bottlenecks and physical/time constraints from unloading crude oil at near-shore facilities

Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:

Federal: Department of Transportation – lead agency; issues deepwater license under Deepwater Ports Act of 1974; EIS/EA to be completed before issuance
U.S. Coast Guard; Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS); MARAD (U.S. Maritime Administration)
Environmental Protection Agency Region VI
Department of Interior: Minerals Management Service (MMS) & Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of Energy
Army Corps of Engineers

State: Governor of Texas – provided with opportunity to review license application for deepwater port
Texas Parks & Wildlife
Texas General Land Office
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

Project Timeline:

Initial evaluation completed – March 2001
Permit application to be submitted – March 2002
Project engineering & design to be completed – April 2002
Commercial development to be completed – April 2003
Project execution to be completed & port to be operational – Second Quarter 2004